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## F O R E W O R D

The Historical Records Survey program is one of the many valuable and permanent undertakings of the Work Projects Administration. One division of this work is the Church Records Survey. The Federal Government has recognized that in the field of history churches and their organizations occupy an important place. Under the program as planned the work will extend to every religious body of every creed in all the states in the Union.

Of particular interest to Baptists is that part of the program which concerns the Baptist associations and churches of North Carolina. This work is already in progress and will be pressed toward completion. Under the direction of an able supervisory staff, located in Raleigh, one or more workers is assigned to each association. These workers make a careful and industrious search for all church records, printed or in manuscript, minutes of associations, and any other materials that may serve the purpose of the Survey. With this material in hand the editorial staff prepares a short sketch of the association and its constituent churches, which is published in a separate volume.

Those who are interested in church history will find these volumes most valuable. For both the association and each local church is given a complete list of all records that have been discovered and from which the sketches have been constructed, with a statement of where they may be found. For the association, the time and place of its organization are given with a list of its charter churches. Some account is also given of the officers, especially the first and those of the present time. For each church a like care is exercised in giving essential historical data, such as the time and place of constitution, the constituting officers, the location and character of the houses of worship, and the growth or decrease in number of members.

This work is comprehensive and will be invaluable. It preserves from loss essential facts about our churches. Every one who is interested in our religious history will greatly appreciate it. It will be most helpful also in creating an interest in preserving church records, as emphasis is placed on locating and inventorying the old and rapidly disappearing records of the churches. No reader of these sketches can fail to recognize the great significance of organized religious bodies in the life of the nation.

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## PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was created in the winter of 1935-36 as a nation-wide Works Progress Administration project for the "discovery, preservation and listing of basic materials for research in the history of the United States."<sup>1</sup> Under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans, the Survey undertook an extensive program for the inventory of state and local archives, early American imprints, church archives, and collections of manuscripts. Pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Relief Act passed June 30, 1939, the existence of the Survey as a single nation-wide project sponsored by WPA itself was terminated August 31, 1939; and the work of the Survey was continued within the individual states by locally sponsored projects operating within the national WPA Historical Records Survey which continued under the direction of Dr. Evans until his resignation and the subsequent appointment of Sargent B. Child as National Director on March 1, 1940.

The North Carolina Project of the Federal Historical Records Survey was established February 1, 1936, with Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, as State Director. Until November 1936 the Survey operated as an autonomous unit of the Federal Writers' Project, directed in North Carolina by Edwin Bjorkman. Dr. Crittenden resigned as State Director June 30, 1937, and was succeeded by Dan Lacy, who had previously served as Assistant State Director. The work of the North Carolina unit of the Historical Records Survey was continued by the North Carolina Historical Records Survey Project established September 1, 1939, and sponsored by the North Carolina Historical Commission. Mr. Lacy resigned as State Supervisor April 2, 1940, to accept an appointment as Assistant to the Director of Historical Records Survey Projects in Washington, D. C., and was succeeded by Colbert F. Crutchfield. Mr. Crutchfield resigned as State Supervisor December 8, 1941, to accept an appointment as State Supervisor of Research and Records Programs in North Carolina, and was succeeded by the present Acting State Supervisor.

The Inventory of the Church Archives of North Carolina is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials in preparation throughout the United States by workers on the Historical Records Survey Program. A separate section of the inventory will be devoted to each denomination, or to each subdivision of a denomination which affords a publishable unit within itself. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the

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1. Works Progress Administration, Operating Procedure No. W-2, Revised July 2, 1937.



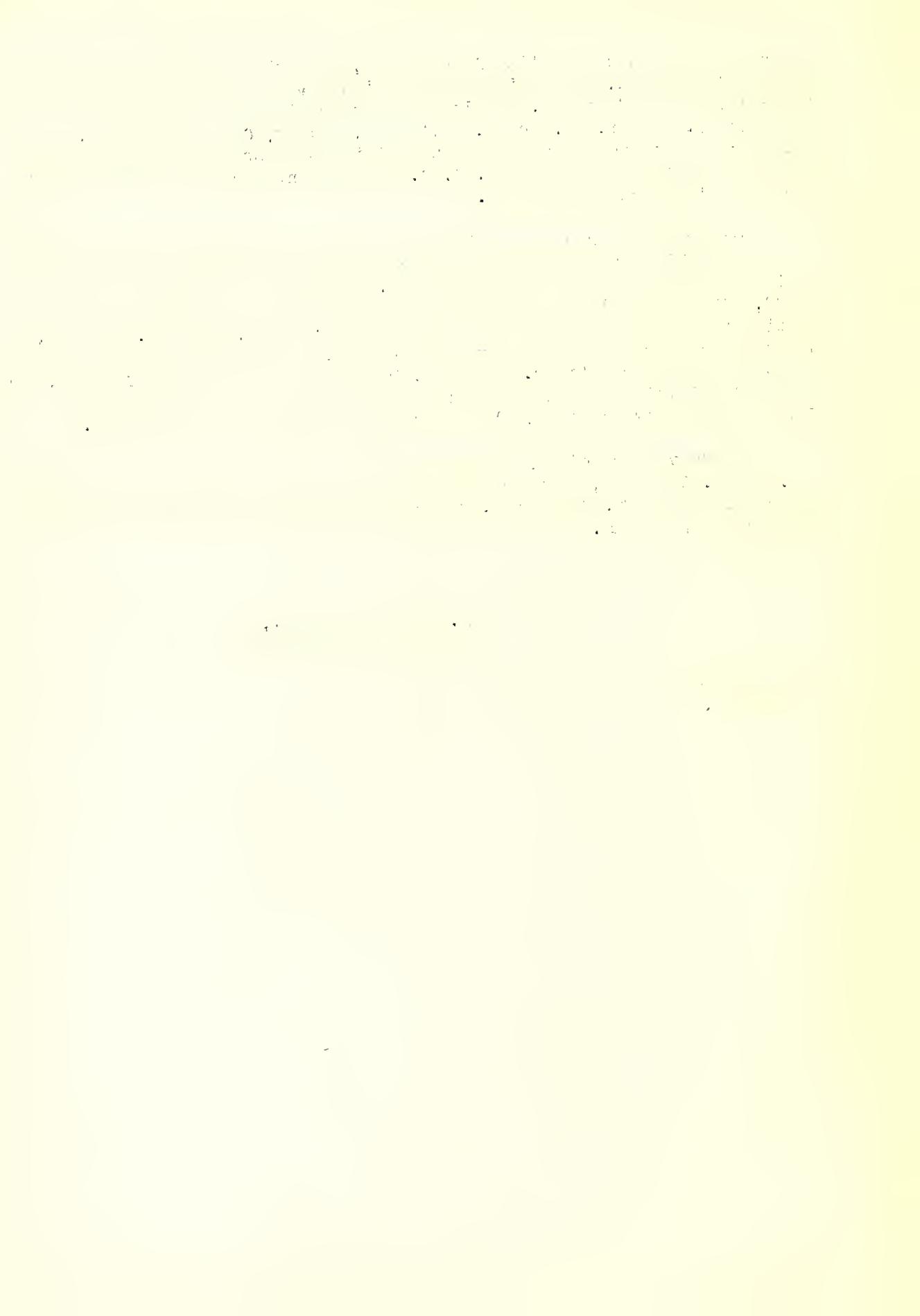
records of the Yancey Baptist Association, is such a unit of the Southern Baptist Convention, with which denominational body the Yancey Baptist Association is affiliated. Field work for the inventory was done by Miss Mary L. Butner, Mr. Joe W. Letterman, and Mr. Clyde Fritchard. The inventory was prepared under the supervision of Miss Emily Bridgers and was read for the sponsor by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission.

This volume was prepared in accordance with technical instructions from the Washington Office of Historical Records Survey Projects; it was reviewed before publication by Donald A. Thompson of the central office staff. The Survey is indebted to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for supplies used in this publication; to Mr. Maloy A. Huggins, General Secretary and Treasurer of that body, for his interest in and support of the work; to Dr. George W. Paschal, of Wake Forest College, who read and criticized the inventory; and to officials and members of the Yancey Baptist Association, who generously co-operated in the work.

The Survey gratefully acknowledges the co-operation and support of Mrs. May E. Campbell, State Director of the Division of Community Service Programs, and of Mr. Colbert F. Crutchfield, State Supervisor of Research and Records Programs.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C., has been designated as the official depository for non-current records of the associations and churches affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.
2. The full names of persons mentioned in this inventory have been listed when the given names were available.
3. Information in this publication was obtained by Survey workers through personal interviews with pastors and church clerks, supplemented by data from available printed and manuscript sources. Membership figures were taken from statistical tables in manuscript and printed minutes of the Yancey Baptist Association and other associations to which the respective church has belonged. Dates of constitution, also, were verified, if possible, from the same sources.
4. No particular effort was made to locate Sunday School records as they are usually of a temporary character. If easily available, they have been listed.
5. Unless otherwise indicated, associations to which reference is made are affiliated with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.
6. A dash (--) placed after a date indicates an active church or an open file at the time the survey was made.



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## YANCEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Yancey Baptist Association is today composed of churches situated within the bounds of Yancey County. Located in the heart of the Black Mountain spur of the Blue Ridge Mountains on the border between North Carolina and Tennessee, this county, comparatively small as to area and population, supports a large Baptist membership. In the area of 298 square miles, in addition to churches affiliated with the Primitive and Free Will Baptists, there are 31 Missionary Baptist churches alone, or approximately one church to every  $\frac{9}{2}$  square miles. These churches are for the most part situated in rich valleys devoted to truck farming and the cultivation of corn, wheat, and oats, and along the many water courses, principal of which are the South Toe River to the east and the Cane River to the west, both of which are fed by numerous large creeks.

With the Methodists, the Baptists were among the earliest settlers of the region now embraced by the county, and as a consequence of unceasing missionary effort the number of Missionary Baptists has increased steadily. With the increase in population of the county from 9,490 persons in 1890 to 17,202 in 1940, growth in total membership of the constituent churches of the Yancey Baptist Association has steadily increased from approximately 1,781 persons in 1888<sup>1</sup> to a membership of 4,488 reported to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1940.<sup>2</sup> The latter figure would approximate 26 percent of the total population of the county.

Prior to the formation of their own associations, Baptist churches in the extreme western section of North Carolina, if affiliated, were members of Baptist associations in neighboring states, notably the Broad River Baptist Association in South Carolina and the Holston Baptist Association in Tennessee. Early in the nineteenth century, however, Baptist churches in western North Carolina undertook the formation of associations. Churches in what is now Yancey County joined for the most part the French Broad Baptist Association which at its formation in 1807 extended from Buncombe County to the Tennessee line, embracing roughly the area west and south of the Toe River.

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1. Minutes of the Tenth Annual Session of the Yancey County Baptist Association, Held with the Price's Creek Church, Yancey County, N. C., September 6th, 7th, and 8th, 1888, p. 15. (Minutes of the various associations are hereafter cited, after the name of the association, as Minutes, followed by the year.)

2. Annual of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, One Hundred Tenth Annual Session, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, November 19-21, 1940. p. 215.



The history of the Yancey Baptist Association begins properly in 1849 when the majority of the Baptist churches in Yancey County, which at that time embraced part of what is now Mitchell County, united to form the Roan Mountain Baptist Association. It is probable that many of the churches which came to the Roan Mountain Baptist Association from the French Broad Baptist Association had been members of the Big Ivy Baptist Association,<sup>3</sup> since most of the Big Ivy churches were apparently situated in Yancey County and 9 of the 12 ministers who came to the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1849<sup>4</sup> had belonged to the Big Ivy Baptist Association.<sup>5</sup> In 1861 Mitchell County was formed, and at the meeting of the association in 1863 two divisions were set up within the Roan Mountain body, the first embracing the churches in Yancey County, and the second, those which lay in Mitchell County and to the east of the Blue Ridge.<sup>6</sup> Seven years later, in September 1870, the association voted to divide, the line of division to be the turnpike leading from Marion in McDowell County through Mitchell County to the top of Iron Mountain on the North Carolina-Tennessee line. Churches to the north of this line were to constitute the Roan Mountain Baptist Association. Churches to the south were to meet on the Friday before the third Sabbath in October at Zion Church in Yancey County to organize the Black Mountain Baptist Association.<sup>7</sup> It was this Black Mountain Baptist Association which about 1887 changed its name to the Yancey County Baptist Association, which in turn, in 1915, changed the name to the Yancey Baptist Association.<sup>8</sup>

Although no actual record was found of the change of name from Black Mountain Baptist Association to Yancey County Baptist Association, older residents of Yancey County recall that the Yancey County Baptist Association was once called the Black Mountain Baptist Association. Evidence is afforded by the minutes of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention,

3. The Big Ivy Baptist Association, under the leadership of Garret Deweese, separated from the French Broad Baptist Association in 1829 (William L. Saunders, ed., The Colonial Records of North Carolina, V, 1191, cited hereafter as Colonial Records), returning to it in 1849 just prior to the formation of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association. The separation was due to a disagreement over the question of election as opposed to the self-determining power of the individual will. (John Ammons, Outlines of History of the French Broad Association and Mars Hill College, From the Organization of the Association in 1807 to 1907, being a Period of 100 Years, p. 11.) Churches in the Big Ivy Baptist Association supported the latter idea and the association was consequently sometimes called "a Free Will Baptist institute." (Colonial Records, V, 1191.)

4. Roan Mountain Baptist Association, MS. Minutes, (in Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.).

5. Ammons, op. cit., p. 12.

6. Roan Mountain Baptist Association, MS. Minutes, Wake Forest College Library, Wake Forest, N. C.

7. Roan Mountain Baptist Association, MS. Minutes.

8. Yancey Baptist Association, Minutes, 1915, p. 21.



of which the Black Mountain Baptist Association was a member. In these minutes the Yancey County Baptist Association appeared for the first time in 1889 when the Black Mountain Baptist Association was omitted.<sup>9</sup> In the minutes of the preceding year the list of ministers of the Black Mountain Baptist Association had been the same as that in the minutes of the Yancey County Baptist Association for the same year.

Published minutes of the Yancey Baptist Association are available from 1888 to date but no minutes of the Black Mountain Baptist Association were located by the Survey. It is not known, therefore, whether the scheduled meeting took place in 1870 but the Black Mountain Baptist Association was listed in the minutes of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention for 1871<sup>10</sup> and appeared regularly in the minutes of the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention. The decision to change the name of the association to the Yancey County Baptist Association was evidently taken at the meeting in 1887 since the association met in 1888 for the first time as the Yancey County Baptist Association, and although the proceedings of that year were published as minutes of the "Tenth Annual Session of the Yancey County Baptist Association," those of 1889 showed the "Second Annual Session" and thereafter through 1935 were numbered consecutively.<sup>11</sup> In 1936, referring evidently to the "Tenth Annual Session" shown on the minutes of 1888, the clerk of the Yancey County Baptist Association numbered the session as the fifty-ninth.<sup>12</sup>

It is not known which churches were present at the constituent meeting of the Black Mountain Baptist Association. Originally, with the exception of a small section of Yancey County which was then within the sphere of the French Broad Baptist Association, the whole of Yancey County, the western half of Mitchell County, and a small section of McDowell County lay within the assigned scope of the Black Mountain Baptist Association. Of the 17 churches which were members of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1870 and which were not listed in the minutes of that association in 1872, two, Paddy's Creek and Rain Hill, were again listed in the minutes of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1874 and 1877, respectively. The remaining 15 churches may have united in forming the Black Mountain Baptist Association in accordance with the decision taken in 1870. Whether or not any newly organized churches or churches from adjoining associations united in the formation is not known. The possible 15 constituent churches were distributed as

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9. The Black Mountain Baptist Association was not again listed.

10. p. 67.

11. No evidence was found to corroborate the indication that the Black Mountain Baptist Association held only nine sessions between 1871 and 1887.

12. In reality, if the session of 1888 was the tenth, that of 1936 would have been the fifty-eighth.



follows: nine, Zion, Double Island, Laurel Branch, Crabtree, Bald Creek,<sup>13</sup> Jack's Creek, Pleasant Grove, South Toe River; and Bethel, were located in Yancey County; four, Beaver Creek, Mine Creek, Lily Branch, and Liberty Hill, were in Mitchell County; one, Turkey Cove, was in McDowell County; and one, Upper Egypt, could not be located.

The passage of churches into and out of the Black Mountain Baptist Association between the years 1871 and 1887 cannot of course be traced. It is known that after the session of 1883, when the Roan Mountain Baptist Association changed its name to the Mitchell County Baptist Association,<sup>14</sup> churches in that section of Mitchell County which had been in the territory assigned in 1870 to the Black Mountain Baptist Association began to transfer membership to the Mitchell County Baptist Association. In 1884 Mine Creek was admitted to the Mitchell County Baptist Association from the Black Mountain Baptist Association.<sup>15</sup> In 1875 Big Rock Creek Church left the Roan Mountain Baptist Association to join the Black Mountain Baptist Association,<sup>16</sup> and in 1884 it was admitted to the Mitchell County Baptist Association from the Black Mountain Baptist Association.<sup>17</sup> In 1888 Big Crabtree, Black Mountain, Lily Branch, Silver Chapel, and Chestnut Grove were received from the Yancey County Baptist Association into the Mitchell County Baptist Association.<sup>18</sup> In the same year Turkey Cove in McDowell County was received "from Black Mountain Association" into the Green River Association.<sup>19</sup> With the exception of Big Crabtree, which shows as not represented, none of these churches were listed in the 1888 minutes of the Yancey County Baptist Association. It would appear, therefore, that they had been members of the Black Mountain Baptist Association and had transferred membership directly to other associations when the former association identified itself with Yancey County.

By 1888, of the possible constituent churches of the Black Mountain Baptist Association, in addition to Upper Egypt, the South Toe River, Beaver Creek, and Liberty Hill Baptist churches had disappeared. South Toe River had probably disbanded since, after considerable missionary effort, apparently, on the part of the Yancey County Baptist Association; a church by the same name was newly constituted in 1889.<sup>20</sup> Beaver Creek,

13. In early minutes spelled "Ball Creek."

14. Roan Mountain Baptist Association, MS. Minutes.

15. Mitchell County Baptist Association, MS. Minutes, (in the same volume with the manuscript minutes of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association).

16. Roan Mountain Baptist Association, MS. Minutes.

17. Mitchell County Baptist Association, MS. Minutes.

18. *Ibid.*

19. Green River Baptist Association, Minutes, 1888, p. 4.

20. See entry no. 23.



too, in all probability had disbanded,<sup>21</sup> and Liberty Hill may have disbanded since a Liberty Hill Church was admitted to the Mitchell County Baptist Association in 1884 as a newly constituted church.<sup>22</sup>

Twenty-two churches were represented at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1888. Eight of them had, of course, come from the old Roan Mountain Baptist Association to the Black Mountain Baptist Association.<sup>23</sup> Eight, Price's Creek, Elk Shoal, Concord, Byrd's Chapel, Skelton Face, Ebenezer, Clear Creek, and Fairview, had evidently been members of the Black Mountain Baptist Association since they were listed without explanation of admission to the meeting. Two newly constituted churches, Green Mountain and Blue Rock, were admitted, and four churches, Cane River, Mount Pleasant, Ivy Gap, and Burnsville, were received by letter from the French Broad Baptist Association. These churches were in Yancey County, with the exception of Clear Creek, which was in McDowell County, and possibly Skelton Face, which was not again listed and about which no information was available to the Survey. In addition to Big Crabtree, two churches, Little Ball Creek and Armstrong, were listed as not represented. Armstrong did not again appear and no information was available to the Survey with reference to it. Little Ball Creek Church was not again listed, though it is possible that it was the Little Creek Church on which the committee on newly constituted churches reported to the association in 1925.<sup>24</sup>

Since 1888 the number of member churches has remained in any one year nearly constant between 25 and the present 31. Due to the difficult mountainous terrain, a comparatively large number of newly constituted churches have proved inaccessible to a sufficient membership to keep them alive or have been located in the neighborhood of an already well established Missionary Baptist or other church to which the membership has transferred. In 1889 one church, Indian Creek, was received into the association by a certificate of dismissal from the French Broad Baptist Association.<sup>25</sup> Five churches have been lost to other associations, as follows: to the Green River Baptist Association, Clear Creek in 1888,<sup>26</sup>

21. Beaver Creek Baptist Church which is now a member of the Mitchell County Baptist Association was newly constituted in 1919.

Mitchell County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1919, p. 13.

22. Ibid., MS. Minutes.

23. Namely, Zion, Double Island, Laurel Branch, Crabtree, Bald Creek, Jack's Creek, Pleasant Grove, and Bethel Baptist churches.

24. See entry no. 45.

25. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1889, p. 3.

26. Ibid., 1888, p. 5; Green River Baptist Association, Minutes 1888, p. 4.



and in 1904 Jessie's Grove<sup>27</sup> which had been received into the association in 1902 as a newly constituted church;<sup>28</sup> and to the Holston Baptist Association in Tennessee, the Falls Gap Baptist Church in 1894,<sup>29</sup> the Coffee Ridge Baptist Church in 1920,<sup>30</sup> and probably Higgins Chapel around 1926. Falls Gap Baptist Church had come into the Yancey County Baptist Association from the French Broad Baptist Association in 1889.<sup>31</sup> The Coffee Ridge Baptist Church was first represented in the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1892;<sup>32</sup> was dismissed to unite with the Holston Baptist Association in 1893;<sup>33</sup> again left Yancey to join Holston in 1906;<sup>34</sup> returned to Yancey with its letter and was received in 1907;<sup>35</sup> and finally in 1920 secured a letter of dismission to join Holston.<sup>36</sup> Higgins Chapel at Flag Pond, Tennessee, was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1901 as a newly constituted church.<sup>37</sup> Subsequent to 1920 it withdrew to join the Holston Baptist Association.

The organization of the Yancey Baptist Association corresponds to that of other associations affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, to which the Yancey County Baptist Association transferred its membership in 1893 from the Western North Carolina Baptist Convention.<sup>38</sup> No copy of a constitution as adopted by the Black Mountain Baptist Association is available but in 1892 a constitution as revised by the committee on revision was adopted by the Yancey County Baptist Association and published in the minutes of the association for that year.

In 1892 the working body consisted of all ministers and of two delegates for every 50 members of each constituent church and one for each additional 50 members or fractional part thereof, provided each church was entitled to two delegates.<sup>39</sup> In 1900 and subsequent years the constitution as printed in the minutes has provided for seats for all ministers, two delegates for every 50 members of a constituent church and "for each additional fifty or the fractional part thereof, provided each

27. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1905, p. 9.

28. Ibid., 1902; p. 4.

29. Ibid., 1894, p. 10.

30. Ibid., 1920, p. 17.

31. French Broad Baptist Association, Minutes, 1889, p. 7.

32. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1892, p. 10.

33. Ibid., 1893, p. 10.

34. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1906, p. 4.

35. Ibid., 1907; p. 5.

36. Ibid., 1920; p. 17.

37. Ibid., 1901, p. 3.

38. Ibid., 1893, p. 7.

39. Ibid., 1892, Constitution, art. IV.



church is entitled to two delegates."<sup>40</sup> Delegates and ministers meet in annual session on the Friday before the first Sunday in September. Originally both time and place were appointed at the previous meeting,<sup>41</sup> but today the place of meeting alone is set by the committee on time, place, and preacher.<sup>42</sup> Visitors; including ministers of all faiths, members of other Baptist associations, and persons prominent in religious and educational work, are recognized but are not allowed to vote.

Prior to 1932 officers of the association were elected at the opening of a session, each to remain in office until his successor was chosen.<sup>43</sup> Since 1932, by order of the association, officers are elected at the close of a session to serve through the next session.<sup>44</sup> In 1892 the elected officers were a moderator, a clerk, and an historian. In 1901, provision was made for the election of a treasurer,<sup>45</sup> and in 1932, for the election of a vice-moderator.<sup>46</sup> One person may, and usually does, serve as both clerk and treasurer. It is the duty of the moderator to preside at all meetings, appoint committees and perform such other duties as are required of presiding officers. In the absence of the moderator, it is the duty of the vice-moderator to preside. The clerk, who receives remuneration for his services, records proceedings of the body, conducts the correspondence thereof, and superintends the printing and distribution of the minutes of the association. The historian is charged with keeping a complete file of the minutes of the association and a record, to be approved by the association annually, of all historical, biographical, and incidental facts and other data likely to be of use to future historians. The treasurer has custody of all funds of the association. These funds are to be used to further the objects of the association, which are "the sustentation of Home, Conventional, and Foreign Missions; the education of poor young men called of God to the gospel ministry; the fostering of institutions of learning in our bounds; Sabbath Schools and temperance."<sup>47</sup> Funds for these objects are to be kept distinct from each other and applied according to the desire of the contributor.<sup>48</sup>

40. No amendment is found in the minutes to cover this change in wording. Since the basis of representation has not changed in practice, the change in wording would appear to have originated in a typographical error.

41. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1892, Constitution, art. I.

42. In 1915 meetings were set for the Wednesday before the first Sunday in September. (Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1915, p. 21.) In 1940 the present time of meeting was set. (Ibid., 1940, p. 13. This change has not yet been incorporated into the constitution as printed in the minutes of the association.)

43. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1892, Constitution, art. V.

44. Ibid., 1932, Thursday Morning Session, p. unnumbered. This change has not been incorporated into the constitution as printed in the minutes.

45. Ibid.; 1901, p. 4.

46. Ibid., 1932, report of Committee on Constitutional Changes. Since 1932 this office has not been listed in the constitution as printed in the minutes.

47. Ibid.; 1941, Constitution, art. II.

48. Ibid., art. III.



An executive committee, known since 1934 as the promotional executive committee, supervises the general affairs of the association, devoting itself especially to the provision of adequate ministerial and missionary service within the area of the association. This committee is composed of one person appointed from each church, the moderator and clerk acting in the capacity of ex officio members.<sup>49</sup> An annual report is made to the association. Originally the executive committee was composed of five members appointed at each annual meeting.<sup>50</sup> In 1898 on motion the five members were reduced to three.<sup>51</sup>

Prior to 1903, general committees were appointed on the opening day of the annual meeting of the association. In 1903, in accordance with a vote to amend the constitution, the moderator was directed to appoint at each annual meeting chairmen of committees who should report at the following annual meeting on foreign missions, home missions, state missions, education, temperance, orphanage, Sunday Schools, periodicals, and woman's work.<sup>52</sup> With the exception of the committee on woman's work, which was first appointed in 1899,<sup>53</sup> these committees, or committees of a similar nature, have been active in the association since its organization. In addition to the educational and missionary activities of the association and its members, the association has encouraged the movement to establish a Sunday School in each church, has constantly recommended to its members the Biblical Recorder, the Foreign Mission Journal, and other Baptist publications, and has taken an active part in the promotion of temperance within the member churches and throughout the State. A pioneer in the movement to supply produce the orphanage maintained by the Baptists at Thomasville, North Carolina, it has sent at times as many as 20 truckloads of apples, potatoes, and other produce contributed by members of the constituent churches. In more recent years committees are also appointed on old ministers' relief, to collect funds for hospitals supported by the Missionary Baptists, and to encourage the formation of local organizations of the Baptist Young Peoples Union and the Vocational Bible School.

49. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1934, p. 8.

50. Ibid.; 1892; Constitution, art. VII.

51. Ibid., 1898, p. 5. This provision, though acted upon in subsequent years, was never incorporated into the constitution as printed in the minutes.

52. Ibid., 1903, p. 14. Though the practice was adopted, the provision has not yet been incorporated into the constitution as printed in the minutes.

53. Ibid., 1899, p. 5. Due to difficulties in transportation and other obstacles to successful functioning, not a great many churches today have a Woman's Missionary Society but the association is active in their promotion and in the recognition of the work of women. A woman served for the first time as a delegate to the association in 1918. Today women serve frequently as delegates, as committee members, and in the capacity of clerk.



An individual accomplishment of the association was the establishment of the Yancey Collegiate Institute which was opened at Burnsville in 1901. The association has constantly been vitally interested in the subject of education, both that of the children in the county and of aspirants to the Baptist ministry, many of whom have lacked the means to attend a theological seminary. Such an interest has been in line with a policy of the old Roan Mountain Baptist Association which was evidently adopted by the Black Mountain Baptist Association. In several instances in the early years of the Yancey County Baptist Association funds were collected to send ministers of the association to Baptist colleges. Support of Baptist denominational institutions was constantly urged on the membership, the names of such colleges as Judson at Hendersonville, Mars Hill at Mars Hill, and Wake Forest at Wake Forest, appearing frequently in the minutes. Education for girls was also favored and support recommended for Chowan College at Murfreesboro and for the "Female Institute," now Meredith College, at Raleigh. In more recent years a loan fund, known as the Watson Loan Fund, to assist students in attendance at Mars Hill College has been administered by the executive committee of the association. The finest work of this nature, however, was the promotion and management of the first hight school in Yancey County.

At the meeting of the association in 1888, the county being without a high school, the establishment and support of an academic school at Burnsville was recommended to the association.<sup>54</sup> After several years of persistent effort and one or two abortive attempts in the appointment of boards of trustees or building committees, a site was chosen, land was donated, funds were raised, and in 1900 building was commenced.<sup>55</sup> The high school building was completed at a cost of \$4,252.72 and dedicated in August 1901, three teachers were engaged, and the board of school trustees was instructed to apply for a charter to the next session of the State Legislature.<sup>56</sup> By 1903 at least one dormitory had been erected, tuition had been set at 75¢ to \$1.50 per month, and 218 students had been enrolled.<sup>57</sup> In 1900 provision was made for the appointment by the association of a board of trustees of 18 members who should have control of the Yancey County Association High School. Individual members of this board were to be entitled to seats in the association, and were to hold office for three years, the association to "have power to remove any trustee for sufficient cause."<sup>58</sup>

The school for a period met a definite need in the county. Its support, however, in a county small and financially comparatively modest proved difficult. In 1907 a resolution was adopted by the association to instruct the trustees to deed the school property to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention of Atlanta, Georgia.<sup>59</sup> The Home

54. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1888, p. 11.

55. Ibid., 1900, p. 10.

56. Ibid., 1901, pp. 10-11, 13, 15.

57. Ibid., 1903, pp. 8-9.

58. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1900, p. 10.

59. Ibid., 1907, p. 16.



Mission Board thereafter assisted the association in meeting its obligations relative to the school.<sup>60</sup> Meantime, high schools were being established in the county and public interest in the Baptist school was waning. In 1925, at the suggestion of the trustees, the school plant, by now greatly increased in value, was sold by the Home Mission Board to the Yancey County Board of Education.<sup>61</sup>

The association is governed by Mell's Manual of Parliamentary Practice.<sup>62</sup> Rules of decorum are included in printed copies of the minutes. An original provision,<sup>63</sup> omitted from the constitution since 1936, to the effect that the constitution was to be included in all printed minutes of the association, was never strictly obeyed though in recent years the constitution is generally included. Alterations in the constitution have always been subject to a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting.<sup>64</sup>

As a general rule, the list of lay officials in each constituent church is composed of the superintendent of the Sunday School, the church clerk, and the treasurer. A director of the Baptist Training Union and a president of the Woman's Missionary Society complete the list of officials in churches in which the latter organizations are found. In some churches the clerk serves also as treasurer. In many churches a special treasurer handles donations to associational missions, state missions, orphanages, hospitals, and donations for other special purposes. As a general rule each church today has its own Sunday School, though occasionally for several years a church may maintain a union Sunday School with another Baptist church or even with a church of another denomination.

The records of the association are kept only in the form of printed minutes of the annual sessions which include lists of association officers and committees, lists of delegates, a record of proceedings, reports of committees, financial reports, and statistical reports covering membership, Sunday Schools, property, and finances of the constituent churches. A set of minutes, complete except for the year 1930, is deposited in the Wake Forest College Library at Wake Forest, North Carolina.

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60. For example, see Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1911, p.8.  
61. Ibid., 1925, p. 11. In 1927 the article with reference to the school was dropped from the printed constitution. In 1934, the article having again been included in the constitution as printed in the minutes of the association, a motion was introduced to strike it out. This was done. In 1932 the provision for representation of the trustees in the association was omitted.

62. Ibid., 1941, Constitution, art. X.  
63. Ibid., 1892, Constitution, art. XI.  
64. Ibid., 1892, Constitution, art. IX.



Records of the constituent churches consist in general of the minutes of church meetings, membership records, including usually records of births, deaths, and marriages, and Sunday School and financial records. Records of the Sunday Schools and financial records are frequently destroyed subsequent to their annual incorporation into the minutes of church meetings or reports to the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Frequently, particularly in earlier years, financial and membership records and records of church meetings were kept in the same volume. Many of the older records of the individual churches have been lost. Others, due to the fire hazard to the frame homes and churches of mountain regions, have been burned. Occasionally, too, a former pastor or church official has taken records away, in the case of pastors, particularly, their own records concerning marriages and baptisms.

The following men have served the association as moderators:

|                   |                                         |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| W. A. Roberson    | 1888, 1893-95                           |
| T. C. King        | 1889-90, 1925-26                        |
| E. D. Silver      | 1891, 1900                              |
| B. B. Riddle      | 1892, 1896-99, 1901-2,<br>1906, 1911-12 |
| J. D. King        | 1903, 1907, 1923                        |
| E. F. Watson      | 1904, 1908, 1910, 1917,<br>1920-22      |
| J. F. Sams        | 1905, 1909                              |
| S. T. Hensley     | 1913-15                                 |
| R. W. King        | 1916                                    |
| J. T. Beaver      | 1918-19                                 |
| J. M. Fairchild   | 1924                                    |
| R. E. Powell      | 1927-29, 1934-36                        |
| Dewey J. Jamerson | 1930-32                                 |
| J. Holland Black  | 1933                                    |
| Jesse Blalock     | 1937                                    |
| Monroe McIntosh   | 1938-41                                 |
| Ben Lee Ray       | 1942--                                  |

The following men and women have served the association as clerks:

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| J. K. Blankenship | 1888                     |
| J. W. Briggs      | 1889-90, 1892            |
| T. C. King        | 1891, 1904               |
| T. W. Roland      | 1893-94                  |
| J. Hughes         | 1895, 1909               |
| N. N. Silver      | 1896-97, 1899-1901, 1906 |
| G. W. Byrd        | 1898, 1902               |
| J. S. Farnor      | 1903                     |
| Will D. Peterson  | 1905                     |
| S. W. King        | 1907                     |
| J. A. McMillan    | 1908                     |



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| Andrew J. Hutchins   | 1910-12    |
| E. J. Angel          | 1913, 1921 |
| S. J. Angel          | 1914-15    |
| D. W. White          | 1916-18    |
| R. W. Wilson         | 1919       |
| Edwin R. Harris      | 1920       |
| Wallace H. Hartsell  | 1922       |
| C. R. Hamrick        | 1923-24    |
| R. W. Ramsey         | 1925       |
| A. Z. Jamerson       | 1926       |
| J. E. Hensley        | 1927       |
| H. G. Bailey         | 1928-29    |
| Davidson Briggs      | 1930-31    |
| Frank M. Baucom      | 1932       |
| Clarence S. Tilson   | 1933       |
| Lucille M. Banks     | 1934-37    |
| Evelyn Hunter        | 1938-40    |
| (Mrs.) Dawson Briggs | 1941--     |



1. CANE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH, 1800--. Cane River, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1800, Cane River Baptist Church was a constituent member of the Broad River Baptist Association in South Carolina.<sup>1</sup> Known as the "Caney River Baptist Church," it was located in that part of Buncombe County which was cut off in 1833 to become a part of Yancey County. In 1807, the church was one of three dismissed from the Broad River Baptist Association to unite with other churches in the formation of the French Broad Baptist Association.<sup>2</sup> It withdrew from the French Broad to join the Big Ivy Baptist Association, and when the union of the two associations was effected in 1849, it united with the Bethlehem Baptist Church of the French Broad Baptist Association, the united congregations retaining the name of "Cane River Baptist Church."<sup>3</sup> In 1888 the church was received by letter from the French Broad Baptist Association into the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

It is locally reported that the church was constituted in a log house in which services were held until 1830 when a frame structure was occupied. In 1891-92, the congregation erected the present house of worship, a one-room frame structure with a seating capacity of 500. Dedicated in 1910, the building was painted and repaired in 1915. The first pastor is locally said to have been Rev. John Wheeler, 1807-10. A Sunday School was reported in 1893. Church membership in 1888 was 168; in 1898, 284; in 1909, 225; in 1919, 106; in 1928, 158; and in 1941, 186.

Records prior to 1917 have been destroyed.

Record Book, 1917--. 2 vols. Minutes of church conferences, and record of memberships, of baptisms, and of deaths. In custody of church clerk, Mr. R. A. Radford, Cane River, N. C.

Financial records, 1917--. 21 completed forms. Show receipts and disbursements, including record of pastor's salary. Filed annually in church record book. In custody of Mr. R. A. Radford.

Sunday School records, 1917--. 12 vols. Membership rolls, attendance and expense records, and record of officers and teachers. 3 vols. in poor condition. Kept on shelf in church building.

1. Deacon John R. Logan, Sketches, Historical and Biographical, of the Broad River and King's Mountain Baptist Association, from 1800 to 1882, p. 2.
2. Colonial Records of North Carolina, V, 1190.
3. John Ammons, Outlines of History of the French Broad Association and Mars Hill College from the Organization of the Association in 1807 to 1907, being a Period of 100 Years, pp. 19-20.



2. GREEN MOUNTAIN ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, 1800--. (Zion Baptist Church, 1800-1897.) Toledo, Yancey County.

Although nothing could be learned of the associational affiliations of this church prior to 1849, the record book would indicate that the Zion Baptist Church was constituted in 1800. In 1849 it was a constituent member of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association, with which it was affiliated until 1870 when it was probably one of the group of churches which withdrew to form the Black Mountain Baptist Association. In 1888 it appears as a member of the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged. In 1897 Green Mountain Baptist Church (see entry no. 22) was disbanded and the members united with Zion, after which the church was locally known as Green Mountain Zion Church although it was not so listed in the North Carolina Baptist Annual until 1936. In 1932-33 members of a second Green Mountain Church (see entry no. 44) united with Green Mountain Zion.

The present building was constructed around an original log building, which had been dedicated in 1800 and which is now completely hidden from sight. Extensive repairs were made about 1890 when 16 feet of floor space, a belfry, and a tin roof were added, and the building, seating 250 persons, was weatherboarded and ceiled. The earliest clergyman recorded in the record book was W. C. Parsons. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. The church membership, which is drawn from a prosperous community, in 1849 was 65; in 1859, 97; in 1869, 114; in 1889, 114; in 1899, 126; in 1909, 123; in 1919, 107; in 1929, 68; and in 1941, 148.

Record Book, 1800-1877, 1930--. 2 vols. Record of church meetings, of memberships, including restorations, dismissions, and admission of slaves, and of baptisms, and report of receipts and disbursements. Vol. for 1930-- shows also record of marriages. 1 vol., 1800-1877, in poor condition. In custody of church clerk, Mr. J. E. Johnson, Toledo, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1939--. 1 vol. Membership, attendance, and collection records. In custody of Sunday School secretary, Mr. Clarence Bailey, Green Mountain, N. C.

3. LAUREL BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1807--. Pensacola, Yancey County.

It is locally understood that this church was constituted in 1807 in a log building, used also as a schoolhouse and located about one-half mile north of Pensacola post office at the mouth of Laurel Branch, from which the church took its name. It is known that the church came in 1849 from the French Broad Baptist Association to become a constituent member of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association. Probably one of the group which organized the Black Mountain Baptist Association, in 1888 it was present at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

The second building in which worship was held is said to have been a log structure near the site of the present building. It was occupied from 1880, probably, until 1894 when the present church was completed. This building, a simple frame structure nicely furnished, with belfry and bell and a seating capacity of 500, was dedicated in 1895. Stephen Collis is the first pastor whose name is locally recalled. His tenure



is not known. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. The church membership in 1849 was 51; in 1859, 94; in 1869, 120; in 1889, 182; in 1899, 220; in 1919, 146; in 1929, 105; and in 1941, 86.

Register, 1915--. 2 vols. Church conference minutes, and record of memberships, of baptisms, and of deaths; also church covenant. In custody of church clerk, Mrs. Brooks Wilson, Pensacola, N. C.

Record Book, 1915--. 1 vol. Record of revivals, including consequent additions to church membership, names of ministers, and expense record. In custody of Mrs. Brooks Wilson.

Financial Record Book, 1915--. 2 vols. In custody of treasurer, Mrs. T. J. Wilson, Pensacola, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1915--. 23 vols. Membership and attendance records, and financial reports. Kept in church building.

Woman's Missionary Society, 1920-25, 1930--. 2 vols. Rolls and attendance records, and record of general expense. In custody of W.M.S. president.

4. DOUBLE ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1840--. In Yancey County, 1 mile from Lunday (Mitchell County).

Constituted around 1840 and very probably a member of the Big Ivy Baptist Association,<sup>4</sup> this church was the scene in November 1849 of the constituent meeting of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association, of which it was a member until 1870 when it was probably one of the group of churches which left the Roan Mountain Baptist Association to form the Black Mountain Baptist Association. It was present in 1888 at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged. The name "Double Island" was suggested by twin islands in the Toe River near Kona, just south of Lunday.

Within the memory of church members in 1929, the first building, a small log structure with fireplace and outside chimney, was replaced about 1870 by a 40 x 60 foot log structure. When the latter building was burned in 1910, worship was conducted in a small frame building until a new building, 32 x 44 feet, was completed, occupied, and dedicated in 1917. A frame structure, with a high belfry and a bell, the building has a seating capacity of 400. Extensive repairs were made in 1939. The first pastor was Rev. Garret Deweese, 1840-44. A Sunday School was reported in 1901. Church membership in 1888 was 121; in 1898, 124; in 1909, 85; in 1918, 124; in 1938, 260; and in 1941, 245.

All records prior to 1903 were burned when fire destroyed the home of a former clerk.

Record Book, 1903--. 1 vol. Minutes of church meetings, membership rolls, record of baptisms, of marriages, and of dismissions, and financial reports. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Rass Thomas, Green Mountain, N. C.

4. Both Garret Deweese and Jacob Silver, who served Double Island successively as pastors 1840-49, belonged to the Big Ivy Baptist Association. John Ammons, op. cit., pp. 11, 12.



Church Record, 1916--. 1 vol. Membership rolls, list of members received and dismissed by letter, record of deaths and baptisms, and financial records. Kept in church building.

Sunday School records, 1916--. 22 vols. Membership rolls and attendance records, and record of expense. Kept in church building.

Committee's report, History of Double Island Baptist Church, typescript, July 25, 1937, in custody of Rev. William Turbyfill, Clarissa, N. C.

#### 5. BALD CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1844--. Bee Log, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1844, this church was received by letter into the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1851. It was probably one of the group which formed the Black Mountain Baptist Association, and in 1888 it was present at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged. The church was apparently named for Bald Creek, near which it was situated.

The first building, 1844-47, is locally reported to have been a small one-room pole cabin with earthen floor, stone chimney, and no seats. In 1848, this was succeeded by a small windowless one-room hewed log cabin with benches of split logs, stone chimney, and fireplace. During the years 1883-1904 worship was conducted in still a third building, a one-room frame structure, weatherboarded and ceiled, with doors in front and rear, windows, adequate benches, small bell, and two stoves for heating. The present building, of somewhat better construction, was dedicated in 1904. It is a one-room frame structure with bell. The seating capacity is 300. Minor repairs have been made since its erection. Local tradition is to the effect that the first pastor was either Rev. Howell W. Briggs, 1844-50, or Rev. Samuel Wilson, 1844-56.<sup>5</sup> It is locally agreed that the second pastor was Rev. W. C. Parsons. A Sunday School was reported in 1901. Church membership in 1851 was 26; in 1860, 82; in 1870, 43; in 1888, 153; in 1900, 169; in 1909, 289; in 1920, 221; in 1929, 477 (sic); and in 1941, 305.

Record Book, 1896--. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences, meetings of boards of deacons and trustees, membership rolls, showing record of deaths and of transfers, and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Andrew Edwards, Bee Log, N. C.

Register, 1914--. 1 vol. Membership rolls and record of baptisms, of deaths, of transfers, and of dismissions. In custody of Mr. Andrew Edwards.

Sunday School records, 1904-12, 1915-24, 1928-29, 1931--. 6 vols. Membership rolls, record of attendance and of finances, and various reports. Kept in church building.

5. Briggs and Wilson are listed as licentiates in the minutes of the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1857, and as ordained ministers in 1858. In 1844, Samuel Wilson would have been 15 years of age.



6. CRABTREE BAPTIST CHURCH, prior to 1849--. On U.S. Highway 19E,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Micaville, Yancey County.

Constituted sometime prior to 1849, Crabtree came from the French Broad Baptist Association to unite in forming the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1849; was probably one of the group which formed the Black Mountain Baptist Association in 1871; and was present in 1888 at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

The congregation is locally reported to have held first services in a log building located near Crabtree Creek, for which the church was named. This building fell into disrepair and was abandoned. Services were held in a second log structure near the first between 1881 and 1892, when the present small frame structure, with a seating capacity of 300 persons, was completed and dedicated. This structure was repaired and painted for the meeting of the association in 1921. The first clergyman is locally reported to have been Rev. Johnathan Duncan, a circuit rider who is said to have covered much of the territory which is now included in the Yancey Baptist Association. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. The membership in 1849 was 18; in 1859, 28; in 1869, 61; in 1889, 107; in 1899, 206; in 1909, 168; in 1919, 208; in 1932, 300; and in 1941, 251.

Record Book, 1936--. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, record of baptisms, and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Haskell McCourry, Micaville, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1910--. 1 vol. Membership rolls and attendance records, and record of expense. Kept in church building.

Baptist Young Peoples Union record, 1925--. 1 vol. Membership rolls and attendance records, and record of expense. In custody of B.Y.P.U. secretary, Mr. Ralph Young, Micaville, N. C.

Woman's Missionary Society record, 1930--. 1 vol. Membership rolls and attendance records, financial records, and record of meetings and social functions. In custody of W.M.S. secretary, Mrs. S. H. Hall, Micaville, N. C..

7. JACK'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1852--. Between Burnsville and Day Book, Yancey County.

Although this church was admitted to the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1856 as a newly constituted church, it is locally understood that it was organized in 1852 subsequent to the withdrawal from the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1851 of a former Jack's Creek Baptist Church.<sup>6</sup> It is probable that members of the first church assisted in the organization of the second, since a certain Sampson Honeycutt was a delegate

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6. See forthcoming Inventory of the Church Archives of North Carolina, Southern Baptist Convention, North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Mitchell County Baptist Association.



to the Yancey County Baptist Association from the first church in 1849 and, again, from the second church in 1856. The church was probably one of the group which withdrew to form the Black Mountain Baptist Association in 1870. It was present in 1888 at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, of which it has since been a member.

This church was organized in a log dwelling. Until 1920 services were held in a building used jointly by school and church. The present simple meetinghouse of wood, completed in 1920 with a seating capacity of 500, was dedicated in 1923 and was seated in 1924-25. The first pastor is said to have been Rev. Stephen M. Collis, 1852-54. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. The membership in 1859 was 22; in 1869, 116; in 1889, 60; in 1899, 81; in 1909, 82; in 1919, 65; in 1929, 90; and in 1941, 82.

A register 1852-1920 is reported to have been misplaced.

Record Book, 1921--. 1 vol. Minutes of church meetings. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Ed F. Hunter, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.

Register, 1921--. 1 vol. Record of memberships, of baptisms, of deaths, and of admissions and dismissions by letter. In custody of Mr. Ed F. Hunter.

Financial Record Book, 1925--. 1 vol. Record of church expenses, including pastor's salary. In custody of church treasurer, Mr. Ed F. Hunter.

Sunday School Record Book, 1921--. 1 vol. Record of membership, attendance, expense, and of officers and teachers. Kept in church building.

Baptist Young Peoples Union Record Book, 1921--. 1 vol. Record of membership, officers, and general expense. In custody of B.Y.P.U. secretary.

Woman's Missionary Society records, 1921--. 1 vol. Record of membership, officers, expenses, and socials. In custody of W.M.S. secretary.

#### 8. PRICE'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1853--. Price's Creek, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1853, in 1888 this church was the scene of the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association,<sup>7</sup> to which it has since belonged.

A log structure was occupied 1853-97, when the congregation moved from the dilapidated building into a schoolhouse one-half mile south. Completed and dedicated in 1907, the present house of worship is a frame structure with high belfry and bell. It is nicely furnished, has a seating capacity of 300-400 persons, and was extensively repaired in 1920. The first clergyman mentioned in the first record book was Rev. Howell W. Briggs, 1874-75. A Sunday School was reported in 1912. Church membership

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7. Since J. K. Blankenship, "former Clerk of Yancey County Association" (Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1888, p. 15), was a delegate from this church in 1888, it seems safe to assume that the church had belonged to the Black Mountain Baptist Association. Prior to such membership, it may have belonged to the French Broad or the Green River Baptist Association.



in 1888 was 174; in 1898, 148; in 1910, 100; in 1919, 30; in 1929, 35; and in 1941, 107.

Record Book, 1853-98, 1907--. 5 vols. Church meeting records, and record of memberships and of baptisms. Vols. for 1853-73 and 1879-98 include also financial reports; vols. for 1907-- include also record of deaths, financial record, and church covenant. 3 vols.; 1853-98, in custody of former church clerk, Mr. Ben T. Banks, Rt. 1, Cane River, N. C.; 2 vols., 1907--, in custody of church clerk, Mrs. Henry Wilson, R.F.D. Cane River, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1907--. 1 vol. Membership rolls, record of attendance, record of officers and of teachers, and expense records. In custody of Sunday School secretary, Mr. Lewis Robinson, R.F.D. Cane River, N. C.

9. PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1856--. In Yancey County, 12 miles northeast of Burnsville, near Green Mountain (Mitchell County).

Pleasant Grove was received into the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1856 as a newly constituted church. Probably one of the group of churches which withdrew in 1870 to form the Black Mountain Baptist Association, in 1888 it was present at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, with which it has been continuously affiliated, with exception of the year 1918 when the association refused to seat delegates from the church owing to a disagreement as to church policy.

A description of the first house used for worship could not be obtained. The present building, erected 1904-5, is a one-room frame structure, with a seating capacity of 400. It was dedicated in 1906, and a new floor was laid in 1917. The first pastor was Rev. James Collis who served during the year 1856, but the length of whose tenure could not be determined. A Sunday School was reported in 1902. In 1856 the church had a membership of 35; in 1866, of 31; in 1896, of 72; in 1906, of 128; in 1916, of 162; in 1926, of 134; in 1936, of 157; and in 1941, of 180.

Record Book, 1918--. 2 vols. Minutes of church conferences. In custody of church clerk, Mr. S. B. Randolph, Green Mountain, N. C.

Church Record, 1918--. 2 vols. Membership rolls, and record of baptisms, of deaths, and of dismissions; includes also financial record, 1918-21. In custody of Mr. S. B. Randolph.

Ledger, 1905--. 1 vol. Church building fund records, including list of donors of money and labor; includes also church covenant. Kept in church building.

Financial records, 1921--. 2 vols. In custody of church treasurer, Mr. John Gardner, Green Mountain, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1910--. 2 vols. Membership rolls, list of officers and teachers, and attendance and expense records. Kept in church building.

10. ELK SHOAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1868--. On Cane River,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Cane River Post Office, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1868, Elk Shoal was first a member of the French Broad Baptist Association. It then probably joined the Black Mountain Baptist Association, for it was present in 1888 at the meeting of the



Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

A log structure was used for worship 1868-87. A frame structure, erected in 1887 with the assistance of the Methodists, was destroyed by fire in 1913. Baptists and Methodists then erected and occupied jointly the present meetinghouse of wood, with belfry and bell, and a seating capacity of 300. The building was dedicated in 1913 and was covered with tin in 1939. Rev. Samuel Wilson served the church 1868-78. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. Church membership in 1888 was 119; in 1898, 121; in 1909, 192; in 1919, 208; in 1929, 210; and in 1941, 259.

No report was made on Sunday School records, which have been kept by the Sunday School secretary since 1915. Total Sunday School membership is reported to their respective organizations by both the Baptists and the Methodists.

Record Book, 1888--. 2 vols. Membership rolls, record of baptisms, of dismissals, and of renewals, and financial reports. Vol. 1915-- includes also record of regular church meetings. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Zeb McIntosh, Rt. 1, Cane River, N. C.

11. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1869-ca. 1911. In Yancey County.

This church was constituted in 1869 and was admitted to the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in the same year. Probably one of the group which left the Roan Mountain to form the Black Mountain Baptist Association, it was present at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1888. The first pastor was Rev. E. D. Silver, 1888-90.<sup>8</sup> The church has not been represented in the association since 1894 although as late as 1911 it was listed as a church failing to report. In 1912 and 1913, it was listed but not represented. Since the latter year it has been neither listed nor represented and inquiry failed to elicit reliable information with reference to it.

No records were located.

12. IVY GAP BAPTIST CHURCH, 1869--. On U.S. Highway 19, 1 mile southwest of Swiss, Yancey County.

This church, constituted in 1869, was received by letter in 1888 from the French Broad Baptist Association into the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

When the first log structure was burned in 1875 a second was immediately erected and dedicated within the same year. This was occupied until 1889 when the present building was erected and dedicated near the top of Ivy Gap Mountain, for which the church was named. The simple two-story

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8. In 1888 Missionary E. D. Silver reported to the association that he had preached at Bethel in protracted meeting lasting seven days, had received by baptism 14 persons and by relation three. He had agreed with the Mission Board to supply Bethel monthly for \$24.00, the Board agreeing to pay \$12.00 of that sum.



frame structure, with belfry, seats 300 persons. The second floor is occupied by a Masonic Lodge. Rev. William K. Briggs, who was prominent in the organization of the church, served as pastor 1869-79. A Sunday School was reported in 1915. In 1888 the church had a membership of 89; in 1898, of 80; in 1909, of 85; in 1928, of 105; and in 1941, of 211.

Record Book, 1903-4, 1922--. 2 vols. Record of regular church meetings, membership rolls, record of members dismissed and received, record of baptisms, and financial reports. 1 vol., 1903-4, in custody of former church clerk, Mr. Samuel Buckner, Buckner, N. C.; 1 vol., 1922--, in custody of church clerk, Mr. Jerry King, Swiss, N. C.

13. INDIAN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1871--. Between Paint Gap and Cane River, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1871, this church was received in 1889 by a certificate of dismission from the French Broad Baptist Association into the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

Services were held in a small log house until 1898 when the present building, a one-room frame structure with a seating capacity of 300 persons, was completed. This building was dedicated in 1899. A Sunday School was reported in 1893. The first pastor is locally reported to have been Rev. Jacob Metcalf, who is said to have served the church from 1871 to an undetermined date. The church membership in 1869 was 27; in 1899, 44; in 1909, 50; in 1919, 40; in 1929, 20; and in 1941, 34.

Register, 1871-1909, 1912--. 2 vols. Minutes of church conferences, membership records, record of baptisms and deaths, and financial records. Vol. 1871-1909 includes also church covenant and articles of faith. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Walter L. Maney, Paint Gap, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1931--. 8 vols. Membership rolls, names of officers and teachers, attendance and expense records, and record of Bible readings by pupils. In custody of Sunday School secretary, Mr. Ralph England, Paint Gap, N. C.

14. MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH, 1874--. Swiss, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1874, Mount Pleasant was received by letter in 1888 from the French Broad Baptist Association into the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

The first building, of logs, was dedicated in 1874. The second, 1900-1915, was a small frame structure. The third, a one-room frame building now in use, was erected 1915-16 with a seating capacity of 300 persons. The first pastor is locally said to have been Rev. W. A. Honeycutt, 1874-78. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. The church membership in 1888 was 78; in 1898, 77; in 1919, 188; in 1929, 263; and in 1940, 182.

Record Book, 1874-1910, 1918--. 3 vols. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, record of members received and dismissed by letter, record of baptisms and of deaths, and financial records. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Vance Hensley, Swiss, N. C.

Sunday School record, 1935--. 1 vol. Membership rolls and attendance records, list of officers and teachers, and expense records. Kept in church building.



15. BYRD'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1880--. Ramsaytown, Yancey County.

According to the church register, Byrd's Chapel was constituted in 1880. It was probably a member of the Black Mountain Baptist Association until 1888, when it was represented in the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, of which it has since been a member.

Worship was first held in a log structure which was replaced in 1882 by a frame building. In 1922 the present house of worship was completed and dedicated, largely through the efforts of Mr. Neal Byrd who gave the land and liberal donations to the building fund. The building is a simple frame structure with belfry and bell and a seating capacity of 300 persons. Rev. Samuel Wilson served the church 1880-88. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. Church membership in 1888 was 84; in 1898, 123; in 1909, 86; in 1919, 153; in 1929, 110; and in 1939, 162.

Register, 1880--. 2 vols. Record of memberships, of baptisms, of deaths, and of persons received or dismissed by letter, and list of deacons. Vol. for 1880-1935 includes also church covenant and record of dedication; that for 1938, financial records. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Richard Bennett, Ramsaytown, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1923--. 7 vols. Membership rolls, list of officers and of teachers, attendance records, and record of receipts and disbursements. Kept in church building.

16. BURNSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1881--. Burnsville, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1881 as a result of the stated preachings of Rev. John Ammons, who served the church continuously until 1886,<sup>9</sup> Burnsville was received into the French Broad Baptist Association, from which it was dismissed by letter to join the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1888. To date it has been a member of the latter association.

The first building, erected in 1881 about 300 yards from the present church building, was a plain, frame structure, 40 x 66 feet, with a seating capacity of 300 persons. In 1910 a new building was undertaken which was completed in 1911 and dedicated June 4, 1916. In 1924-25 various improvements were made, including inside painting and the installation of lighting fixtures. Of brick, with memorial windows, belfry and bell, the building seats 450 persons. A Sunday School was reported in 1901. In 1882 the church had a membership of 16; in 1888, of 55; in 1898, of 92; in 1909, of 201; in 1919, of 271; in 1929, of 266; and in 1941, of 231.

Record Book, 1881-1910, 1919--. 2 vols. Minutes of regular church meetings, membership rolls, and record of baptisms, admissions, and dismissals. Vol. for 1881-1910 includes also record of receipts and disbursements. 1 vol., 1881-1910, in custody of Mr. Frank Watson, Attorney-at-Law, Burnsville, N. C.; 1 vol., 1919--, in custody of church clerk, Mr. W. Z. Robertson, Burnsville, N. C.

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9. John Ammons, op. cit., p. 62.



Financial records, 1930--. 5 vols. Itemized record of church and Sunday School finances, showing contributions, collections, and disbursements. In custody of Sunday School treasurer, Mr. Gus Peterson, Burnsville, N. C.

Baptist Young Peoples Union records, 1912--. 26 vols. Membership rolls, names of officers, and record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of B.Y.P.U. secretary.

Sun Beam records, 1919--. 1 vol. Record of members and officers, and of receipts and disbursements. In custody of Sun Beam leader, Mrs. Leslie Hensley, Burnsville, N. C.

Woman's Missionary Society records, 1919--. 2 vols. Membership rolls, list of officers, and financial records. Includes also accounts of yearly socials. In custody of W.M.S. secretary.

Royal Ambassador records, 1928--. 2 vols. Rolls of members and of officers, and financial records. In custody of Royal Ambassador leader, Mrs. R. E. Powell, Burnsville, N. C.

17. FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, 1885-91, 1912--. 5 miles east of Celo, Yancey County.

Fairview is locally reported to have been constituted in 1885 in a log building about one-quarter mile from the present building. Located on Seven Mile Ridge near the Mitchell County line, the church was named for the fair view afforded, which included both Mount Mitchell and Roan Mountain. With 18 members, it came in 1888, from the Black Mountain Baptist Association, probably, into the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged. It is locally reported to have been first served by Rev. Jack Shepherd. The log building was occupied until 1891 when the congregation was disrupted in a dispute over a gift of land by Mr. Joseph Bolick. In 1912, however, the church was reorganized and, the old building having been burned in 1910, the present plain wooden church, with a seating capacity of around 200, was erected on the land formerly donated by Mr. Bolick. The church building is locally said to have been dedicated in the same year. The church was not again represented in the Yancey County Baptist Association, however, until 1916 when a letter and delegates were formally received. The first clergyman subsequent to the reorganization was Rev. R. John Waycaster, 1912-14. A Sunday School was reported in 1916. The membership in 1888 was 18; in 1916, 57; in 1933, 132; and in 1941, 141.

Register, 1927--. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, record of deaths, and financial record. In poor condition. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Mart Huskins, Celo, N. C.

Financial records, 1933--. 1 vol. In custody of Mr. Mart Huskins.

Convention Sunday School Record, 1933--. 5 vols. Membership rolls, list of officers and teachers, and attendance and financial records. In custody of Sunday School secretary, Miss Ruth Cooper, Celo, N. C.

18. BLUE ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1888--. Newdale, Yancey County.

Received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1888 as a newly constituted church, Blue Rock was not again represented until 1892 when it was received with its delegates following reorganization August 13, 1892.



The church was originally organized in a log structure in which services were held until 1905. Th that year the present combination frame church building and schoolhouse was erected with a seating capacity of 150 persons. The first listed pastor was Rev. William H. Ray, 1892-93. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. In 1888 the church had 15 members; in 1898, 28; in 1909, 57; in 1918, 69; in 1928, 122; and in 1939, 164.

Record Book, 1925--. 2 vols. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, record of baptisms and of deaths, and financial records. Vol. for 1925-34 includes also lists of pastors, church officials, and committees. In custody of church clerk, Miss Bessie Hall, Newdale, N. C.

Sunday School Roll and Minutes Book, 1911-17, 1921-24, 1936--. 6 vols. Membership rolls, names of officers and teachers, and attendance and financial records. In custody of Miss Bessie Hall.

19. BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1888-ca. 1889. Yancey County.

This church was constituted November 16, 1888, and was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1889. The membership numbered 17 persons. The church was not again represented in the association. Local report is to the effect that the congregation disbanded and the church was abandoned.

No records were located.

20. CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH, prior to 1886--. Between Burnsville and Pensacola, Yancey County.

This church, constituted prior to 1888, came from the Black Mountain Baptist Association<sup>10</sup> into the meeting in 1888 of the Yancey County Baptist Association, with which it has since been affiliated.

A first building was occupied until 1910 when the congregation occupied jointly with the Methodists the present plain wooden church. The first listed pastor was Rev. E. D. Silver, 1889-90. Sunday School statistics were first reported in 1911. In 1888 the church had a membership of 42; in 1898, of 45; in 1909, of 67; in 1919, of 80; in 1924, of 51; and in 1937, of 50.

Register, 1888--. 1 vol. Minutes of church meetings, membership records, records of baptisms, and church covenant. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Bob Ray, Concord, N. C.

Financial records, 1925--. 1 vol. Record of receipts and disbursements. In custody of church secretary.

Sunday School records, 1910--. 15 vols. Membership rolls and attendance records, list of officers and teachers, and financial records. In custody of Sunday School secretary.

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10. Mr. John M. Robertson, Burnsville, N. C., remembers attending a session of the Black Mountain Baptist Association as a delegate from the Concord Church.



## 21. EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, prior to 1888-91. Yancey County.

No authentic information was obtained with reference to this church. It was present at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1888 but was neither represented nor listed subsequent to 1891. It is locally reported that the church changed its name but this report could not be verified. In 1888 the church had a membership of 43 persons. In 1889 Rev. John Blalock was listed as the pastor.

No records were located.

## 22. GREEN MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1888-97. Toledo, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1888 by members who withdrew from Zion Baptist Church (see entry no. 2), Green Mountain was received in the same year into the Yancey County Baptist Association. Services were held in a small school building about 2 miles east of Green Mountain (Mitchell County). This building was rented from the County Board of Education until 1894 when the congregation moved 1 mile east of Green Mountain to a small Free Will Baptist church building which was shared with the Free Will Baptist congregation. In 1897, due to a disagreement, the Missionary Baptists withdrew and returned to the Zion Baptist Church.

The first listed pastor was Rev. W. C. Parsons, 1890-92. The first reference to a Sunday School occurred in 1901 when delegates were sent to the Yancey County Sunday School Convention. Membership in 1888 was 20, and in 1896, 34.

Records were burned in 1929 when fire destroyed the home of a former clerk of the church.

## 23. SOUTH TOE RIVER CHURCH, 1889-ca. 1890. In Yancey County.

This church was constituted in 1889 and was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1890, in which year it was supplied by Elder E. D. Silver. No further authentic information was obtained relative to it, and it was not again listed in the minutes of the association.<sup>11</sup>

No records were located.

## 24. COX'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1890-ca. 1891. At the mouth of Cox's Creek, near Ramsaytown, Yancey County.

Constituted July 8, 1890, Cox's Chapel was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in the same year. It was not represented in the association after 1891, and local sources could offer no information concerning it. The 14 members were served in 1890 by Rev. B. M. Hoyle.

No records were located.

11. In 1888 the Mission Board reported to the association selection of South Toe River as a field for mission labor and employed E. D. Silver to do the work. In 1889 the committee on destitution reported South Toe River "destitute, or nearly so, of Baptist preaching," and recommended that the association "adopt the wisest plan possible to cultivate this field."



25. MOUNT MITCHELL BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1890--. At the foot of Mount Mitchell near Hamrick, Yancey County.

Organized around 1890, Mount Mitchell Baptist Church was received in 1904 as a newly constituted church into the Yancey County Baptist Association,<sup>12</sup> to which it has since belonged.

Services are locally reported to have been held in a frame building until 1936 when the present small stone structure was completed, with belfry and bell and a seating capacity of 350 persons. The church was dedicated in 1937. The first listed pastor was Rev. R. John Waycaster, 1904-5. A Sunday School was reported in 1911. In 1904 the church had a membership of 54 persons; in 1914, of 97; in 1924, of 155; in 1934, of 160; and in 1941, of 164.

Register, 1911--. 1 vol. Church conference records, membership rolls, and record of baptisms, of deaths, and of marriages. Includes also financial records 1911-35. In custody of church clerk, Mr. R. L. Rector, Hamrick, N. C.

Financial records, 1936--. 1 vol. General expense records, including record of pastor's salary. In custody of church secretary, Mr. J. C. Robinson, Hamrick, N. C.

Convention Sunday School Record, 1935--. 3 vols. Membership rolls, record of officers, teachers, attendance, and offerings, and expense record. In custody of Mr. J. C. Robinson.

26. YOUNG'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, ca. 1890--. In Yancey County near Boonford (Mitchell County).

Young's Chapel is locally reported to have been organized around 1890 with 18 members. In 1893 it was received as a newly constituted church into the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

Services were held in a small square structure of unfinished lumber until about 1894 when the congregation removed to a second small frame structure. The latter was in use until the present frame structure with bell was completed in 1912-13. This building, seating 250 persons, was dedicated in 1914. The first pastor is locally reported to have been Rev. Wash Mace, 1891-93. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. Membership in 1893 was still reported as 18 persons; in 1903 it was 26; in 1912, 70; in 1924, 136; in 1935, 125; and in 1941, 140.

Records prior to 1901 are reported to have been destroyed by high water in May of that year. Certain later records could not be located.

Record Book, 1925--. 1 vol. General record of church activities including church conference records, financial data, and membership rolls, showing withdrawals and admissions by letter, statement, or baptism. In poor condition. Kept in church building.

Sunday School record, 1918--. 16 vols. Detailed record of Sunday School work, including membership and collection records. Kept in church building.

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12. A local report to the effect that Mount Mitchell Baptist Church was a reorganization by former members of South Toe River Church (see entry no. 23) could not be verified.



27. PLEASANT VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH, 1893--. West of Burnsville, Yancey County.

This church was received in 1893 as a newly constituted church into the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

A simple frame building was occupied until 1922 when the present frame building, seating 200 persons, was completed. The church building was dedicated in 1923. The first pastor was Rev. J. D. King, 1893-94. A Sunday School was reported in 1901. Church membership in 1893 was 18; in 1902, 38; in 1915, 78; in 1925, 65; in 1935, 92; and in 1940, 142.

Record Book, 1893--. 2 vols. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, record of deaths and baptisms, record of receipts and disbursements, and church covenant. Vol. for 1927-- includes also list of pastors and of deacons. Vol., 1893-1927, in poor condition. In custody of church clerk, Mrs. Lena McPeters, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1937--. 1 vol. Rolls and attendance records, names of officers and of teachers, and record of offerings. Poor condition. Vol., 1893-1936, destroyed. In custody of Mrs. Lena McPeters.

28. PETERSON'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1895-1922. Near Day Book, Yancey County.

This church was constituted February 10, 1895, in a community of Petersons from whom it took its name. It was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in the same year, and was served by Rev. Daniel Miller 1895-98. A Sunday School was reported in 1915. Membership in 1895 was 56; in 1905, 35; in 1915, 26; and in 1921, 40. In 1922, the membership having dwindled, the church was disbanded. The building in which services were held is now used by Free Will Baptist and Methodist congregations, with one or the other of which most of the former members of Peterson's Chapel are said to have affiliated themselves.

No records were located.

29. BOLEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1896--. Athlone, Yancey County.

This church was constituted April 5, 1896, and was received in the same year into the Yancey County Baptist Association, to which it has since belonged.

Services were held in private residences for several months prior to the construction of a log meetinghouse which was used until around 1900 when the congregation moved into the present one-room frame structure, which is also used as a schoolhouse. Repairs are made yearly. The church was served by Rev. Ben B. Riddle 1896-1901. A Sunday School was reported in 1902. Church membership in 1896 was 39; in 1906, 70; in 1916, 78; in 1927, 93; in 1937, 114; and in 1941, 82.

Record Book, 1896--. 2 vols. Minutes of church conferences. Vol., 1896-1918, in poor condition. In custody of church clerk, Mrs. Billy Westall, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.

Register, 1896--. 2 vols. Membership records, record of baptisms and deaths, and financial records. In custody of Mrs. Billy Westall.

Convention Sunday School Record, 1925--. 2 vols. Membership rolls, record of members, officers, and teachers, and attendance and financial records. Kept in church building.



Baptist Young Peoples Union records, 1920--. 1 vol. Membership rolls, list of officers, and financial records. In custody of B.Y.P.U. secretary, Miss Enola Penland, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C.

Woman's Missionary Society records, 1925-30. 1 vol. Membership rolls, list of officers, and financial records. In custody of Mrs. G. L. Hensley, Rt. 1, Burnsville, N. C. (Society disbanded in 1930.)

30. SOUTH ESTATOE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1896--. (South Toe Baptist Church, 1896-1934.) Near Hamrick on the Micaville Highway, Yancey County.

In 1897 South Toe Baptist Church was admitted to the Yancey County Baptist Association as a newly constituted church.<sup>13</sup> The organization of this church in 1896 would appear to have been the result of the efforts of Rev. Ben B. Riddle, efforts which had been recognized by the association at the meeting in 1896, when "B. B. Riddle having made arrangements for monthly preaching for himself at South Toe, the Board approved the same and assigned J. B. Nangle to work with him at that place, requiring them to hold a revival there previous to the Association."<sup>14</sup> On motion, the work of South Toe destitution was also assigned to B. B. Riddle.

The one-room building now in use by the congregation was erected and dedicated in 1896 and repaired in 1908. Mr. Riddle himself served as pastor of the church 1896-1908. A Sunday School was reported in 1899. In 1897 the church had 21 members; in 1907, 50; in 1917, 49; in 1926, 78; in 1937, 167; and in 1941, 195.

Record Book, 1896-1920, 1929--. 3 vols. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, register of church officials, record of baptisms and deaths, and financial records; includes also articles of faith and church covenant. In custody of church clerk, Mrs. S. L. Harrison, Celo, N. C.

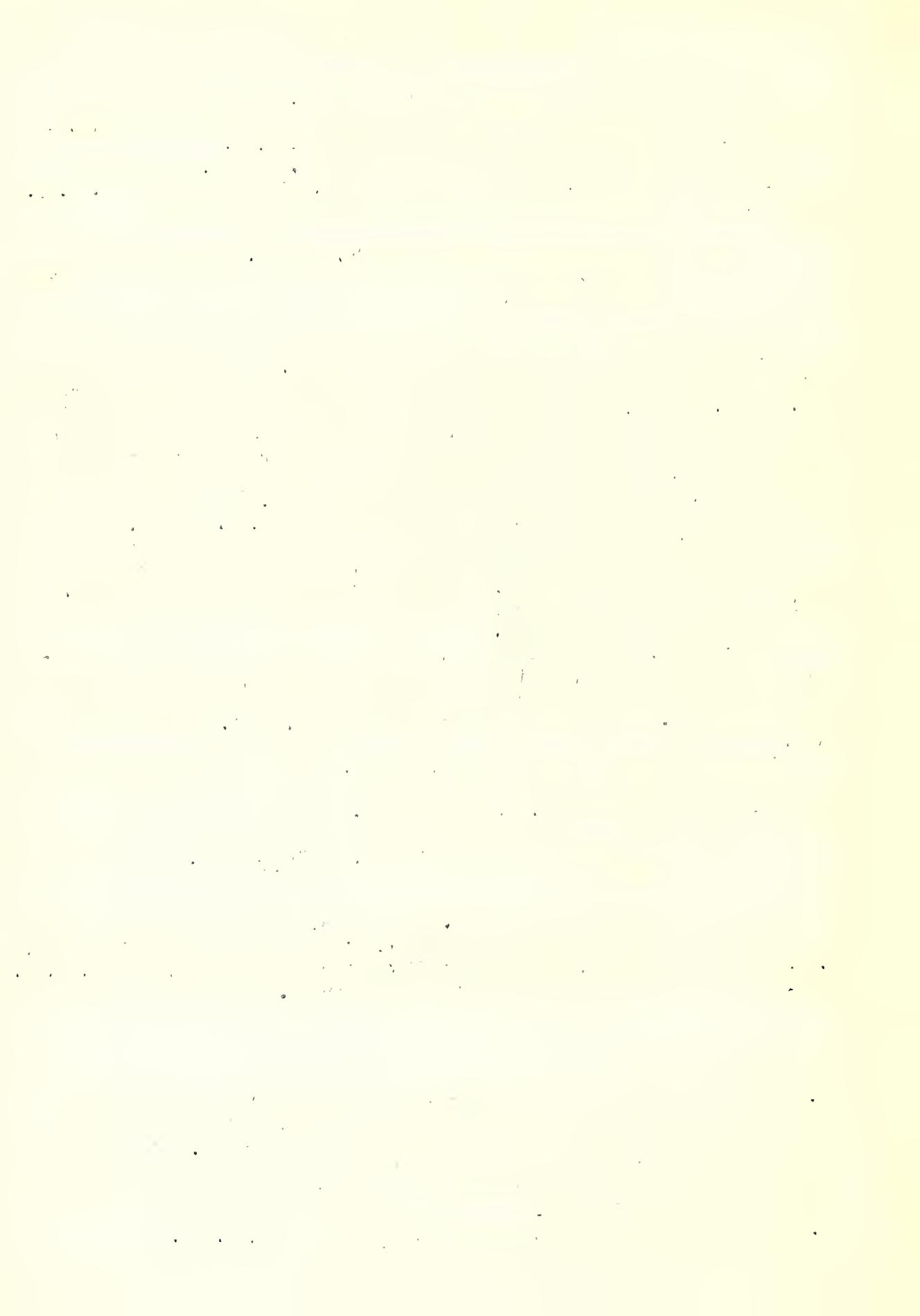
Convention Sunday School Record, 1937--. 2 vols. Membership rolls and attendance records, list of officers and teachers, and financial records. In custody of Mrs. S. L. Harrison.

31. FLAT SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, 1897-ca. 1909. In Yancey County.

This church was organized October 18, 1896, and was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1897. It was served in 1897 by Rev. B. M. Hoyle; in 1898, by Rev. R. John Waycaster; and in 1899, by Rev. D. C. Munn. No further adequate information was secured. The church was not

<sup>13</sup>. This church should not be confused with the South Toe River Church which was received into the Roan Mountain Baptist Association in 1865 as a newly constituted church with a membership of 16 persons. The latter church was in the territory assigned to the Black Mountain Baptist Association in 1870 but it was not present at the meeting of the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1888.

<sup>14</sup>. Yancey County Baptist Association, Minutes, 1896, p. 14.



represented in the association 1900-1907, but in 1909 it was mentioned in the minutes as a church which had sent no statistics. There has been no further mention. In 1897, it reported a membership of 29, and in 1902, of 38.

No records were located.

32. BROWN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1901--. Celo, Yancey County.

This church was received in 1901 as a newly constituted church into the Yancey County Baptist Association,<sup>15</sup> to which it has since belonged.

The first building, a frame structure, was occupied until 1922, when the congregation moved into the present frame building which seats 250 persons. Rev. Ben. B. Riddle served the church 1901-6. A Sunday School was reported in 1901. The church membership in 1901 was 15; in 1911, 96; in 1921, 141; in 1932, 193; and in 1941, 245.

Record Books, 1901-33, 1936--. 3 vols. Membership rolls, and record of baptisms and deaths. Vols. for 1901-33 include also record of dismissals and church services, and list of deacons; that for 1936--, church conference minutes and financial reports. 2 vols., 1901-33, in custody of a former pastor, Rev. J. E. Hensley, Celo, N. C.; 1 vol., 1936--, in custody of church clerk, Mr. Ed Whitstine, Celo, N. C.

Convention Sunday School Record, 1921--. 6 vols. Membership rolls, names of officers and teachers, attendance records, and record of receipts and disbursements. 1 vol., 1928, in poor condition. Kept in church building.

33. MOUNTAIN DALE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1901-ca. 1906-11. Yancey County.

Very little authentic data was obtained on this church. It was admitted to the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1901 as a newly constituted church, but was not again represented in the association until 1906 when it was referred a second time as newly constituted. The committee on credentials reported that the church had been received into the association previously and was therefore a member. It was not subsequently represented. In 1911 it was listed as a church failing to report. In 1912 it was listed but no statistics were entered. It has not since been listed. Daniel Miller of Ramsaytown, N. C., served the church in 1901, in which year it reported 35 members. In 1906 it reported 69 members.

No records were located.

34. MINE FORK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1904-6. On Mine Fork Creek near Swiss, Yancey County.

Received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1904 as a newly constituted church, Mine Fork was not again represented in the association although it was occasionally listed until 1913. It was located in a

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15. In the minutes of the association for 1901 Brown's Creek Baptist Church is erroneously entered in several instances as "Bowman's Creek."



sparingly settled community and had in 1904 a membership of 23 persons. Services were held by Rev. John T. Beaver, a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. The frame church building had a seating capacity of 150. It is locally reported that in 1906, following a Holiness meeting in the church building, most of the former Baptists joined the new organization, after which the Baptist congregation was disbanded.

No records were located.

35. AYLER'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1905-19. On Ayler's Creek near Micaville, Yancey County.

This church was constituted in 1905 by former members of the Crabtree Baptist Church (see entry no. 6), was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in the same year, and was disbanded 1917-19 when the majority of the members are said to have returned to the Crabtree Baptist Church. Services were held in a small rented dwelling located about 2 miles north of the present Crabtree Baptist Church building. The first pastor was Rev. Samuel D. Tipton, 1905-7. A Sunday School was reported in 1911. In 1906 the church had a membership of 26 persons, and in 1916, of 55.

No records were located.

36. PLEASANT GAP BAPTIST CHURCH, 1905--. Near Micaville, Yancey County.

Pleasant Gap was organized in 1905 and was received in 1906 as a newly constituted church into the Yancey County Baptist Association, with which it has since been affiliated.

Services were held in a log building until 1913 when the present one-room frame structure was occupied. The latter building, which seated 200 persons, was dedicated in 1914. Rev. Ben B. Riddle served the congregation 1905-6, when he was succeeded by Rev. J. C. Thomas. A Sunday School was reported in 1914. Church membership in 1906 was 25; in 1916, 82; in 1929, 118; and in 1941, 173.

Record Book, 1917--. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences, membership records, record of baptisms, of deaths, and of pastor's salary, and church covenant. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Fred Ray, Micaville, N. C.

Financial records, 1920--. 4 vols. Record of all financial transactions with exception of payment of pastor's salary. In custody of church secretary, Mr. Fred Young, Micaville, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1920--. 1 vol. Membership and attendance records, record of teachers and of officers, and expense records. Kept in church building.

37. HIGGINS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1907-8. Higgins, Yancey County.

Higgins Chapel, listed as "Higgins Chapel on Cane River" to distinguish it from Higgins Chapel at Flag Pond, Tennessee, was organized in a frame building in Higgins, N. C., which was owned and used jointly by the Free Will Baptists and the Methodists. With a membership of 17 persons served by Rev. M. W. Wilson, Higgins Chapel in 1907 was received into the Yancey



County Baptist Association as a newly constituted church. Within a year, however, the church had died, the membership joining the above-mentioned groups.

No records were located.

38. UPPER SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1907--. Windom, Yancey County.

Upper Shoal Creek Baptist Church<sup>16</sup> was received in 1907 as a newly constituted church into the Yancey County Baptist Association, with which it has since been affiliated.

Until 1908 services were held in the building in which the church had been organized, a combination schoolhouse and church building. In that year the present frame church building was erected and dedicated, largely through the efforts, cash donations, and actual labor of Rev. John T. Beaver, a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, who served the church until 1909. The church building was extensively repaired in 1920. A Sunday School was reported in 1911. In 1907 the church had a membership of 34 persons; in 1912, of 41; in 1918, of 67; in 1934, of 107; and in 1941, of 68.

Most of the early records have been destroyed.

Record Book; 1933--. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences and of board of deacons, record of each service, and financial records. In custody of church clerk, Miss Mae Boone, Windom, N. C.

Register, 1933--. 1 vol. Membership rolls and record of baptisms, of marriages, and of deaths. Leaves torn. Kept in church building.

Sunday School Record Book, 1907--. 3 vols. Membership rolls, names of officers and teachers, attendance records, minutes of Sunday School meetings, and financial reports. Kept in church building.

Reports on revival meetings, 1910--. 1 vol. Includes also a list of all members in good standing. Kept in church building.

39. RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1910--. Near Burnsville, Yancey County.

This church was constituted in 1910 and was received in the same year into the Yancey County Baptist Association, of which it has since been a member.

For 10 years services were held in a log structure, which was used also as a schoolhouse and as a house of worship for other denominations. In 1920 the present frame structure was erected with a seating capacity of 300. The building was dedicated in 1924. The first pastor, Rev. J. W. Hall, was succeeded in 1911 by Rev. J. F. Sams. A Sunday School was reported in 1911. Church membership in 1910 was 39; in 1920, 63; in 1929, 105; and in 1941, 125.

16. This church is occasionally listed in the minutes of the association as "Shoal Creek."



Record Book, 1911--. 2 vols. Minutes of church conferences, list of board of deacons, and financial records. In custody of church clerk, Mrs. Charles F. Gardner, Burnsville, N. C.

Register, 1910--. 2 vols. Membership rolls, and record of baptisms and deaths. In custody of Mrs. Charles F. Gardner.

Convention Sunday School Record, 1920--. 1 vol. Membership rolls, names of officers and teachers, and attendance and financial records. In custody of Sunday School secretary.

Woman's Missionary Society records, 1935--. 1 vol. Record of meetings, membership, and finances. In custody of W.M.S. president.

40. WINDOM BAPTIST CHURCH, 1910--. Windom, Yancey County.

Constituted in 1910, this church was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in the same year. It has occupied continuously a small, frame structure, which was repaired and dedicated in 1932. Rev. Ben B. Riddle served the church 1910-11. A Sunday School was reported in 1912. Church membership in 1910 numbered 14; in 1920, 27; in 1932, 76; and in 1941, 58.

Record Book, 1910-28. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, record of baptisms and deaths, financial records, and church covenant. In custody of church clerk, Mrs. Brady Black, Windom, N. C. (Record discontinued in 1928.)

Treasurer's Book, 1928--. 1 vol. Financial records, including record of pastor's salary. In custody of church secretary, Miss Ruth Taylor, Windom, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1925--. 4 vols. Membership rolls, attendance records, minutes of Sunday School meetings, and record of receipts and disbursements. Kept in church building.

41. ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH, 1913-16. 2 miles from Swiss, Yancey County.

This church was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1913 as a newly constituted church. In that year there were 28 members. Services were first held by Rev. William H. Sparks in an old school building. The congregation is locally reported to have disbanded in 1915. In 1917 on motion the name of the church was left out of the minutes of the Yancey County Baptist Association.

No records were located.

42. BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1913-26. Bald Mountain, Yancey County.

This church was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1913 as a newly constituted church. The first pastor was Rev. R. D. Ponder who served the church until 1915, when Joseph Ramsey, a former Free Will Baptist, was called. In 1916, the association refused to seat delegates of the church until the matter of church polity could be cleared. This was accomplished and delegates were again seated in 1917. A new building, locally known as Parnell Chapel, was erected 1914-16. A Sunday School was reported in 1913. In that year, the church had a membership of



38; in 1917, of 108; in 1921, of 72; and in 1926, of 72. In 1926 the church was disbanded. The building is now used by the Free Will Baptists.

No records were located.

43. ENON BAPTIST CHURCH, 1915-18. Bald Creek, Yancey County.

Received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1915 as a newly constituted church, with 34 members, Enon was disbanded in 1917-18 and the members joined other Baptist Churches. Meantime a lot had been purchased in 1915 and the congregation had planned to build. Rev. W. L. Edwards served the the church during its life. A Sunday School was reported in 1916.

No records were located.

44. GREEN MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH, 1925-ca. 1932. In Yancey County, near Green Mountain (Mitchell County).

Green Mountain Baptist Church, the second of that name (see entry no. 22), was constituted in 1925, was admitted to the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1926, and was united with Zion Baptist Church (see entry no. 2), in 1932-33. Sunday School statistics were reported for the first time in 1928. The first listed pastor was Rev. P. L. McMahan, 1926-27. The church owned its own building but no authentic information was obtained as to its disposition.

No records were located.

45. LITTLE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, 1925(?). In Yancey County.

In 1925 the committee on newly constituted churches reported to the association that "Little Creek Baptist Church has for a long time failed to be represented in this body and they now ask for restoration and affiliation with us. It is reported to us that this church has a constitution and articles of faith which have here-to-fore been presented to, and accepted by this body, and we request that Rev. John Willis, their pastor, be recognized as a delegate from that church and represent them in this body." Minutes prior to 1925 record no Little Creek Church unless reference is to Little Bald Creek Church which was listed as not represented in the meeting of the association in 1888, and which was not subsequently represented.

Little Creek Baptist Church has not been represented in the association since 1925, and no authentic information with reference to it was secured. In 1925 the church had a membership of 20 persons and reported a Sunday School.

No records were located.

46. CLAY MOUND BAPTIST CHURCH, 1926, 1938--. Micaville, Yancey County.

Received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1926 as a newly constituted church, Clay Mound was almost immediately disbanded. In 1938 it was reorganized and was again admitted to membership in the association, to which it has since belonged.



Services in 1926 were conducted in a small frame building by Rev. M. B. Haney. In the same year the present frame building with a seating capacity of 250 persons was erected. The congregation was served a short time by Rev. W. M. Jones until he was succeeded by Rev. Bis McMahan, 1938--. A Sunday School was reported in 1938. The church had a membership of 18 persons in 1926; in 1938 it had 18 members; and in 1941, 60.

Register, 1938--. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences, record of members received and dismissed, record of baptisms, record of finances, and lists of church officials and visiting pastors. In custody of church clerk, Mrs. Hubert Wilson, Micaville, N. C.

Sunday School records, 1938--. 2 vols. Membership rolls, record of attendance, and record of finances. In custody of Sunday School secretary, Miss Irene Wilson, Micaville, N. C.

47. LOCUST GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH, 1928-33, 1937--. In Yancey County, near Huntdale (Mitchell County).

Constituted in 1928 in the home of Mr. S. C. Haney, Locust Grove Baptist Church was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1929. Services were held in Mr. Haney's home until the present building was erected and occupied in 1929. This building, a one-room frame structure with small bell and a seating capacity of 200 persons, was dedicated in 1930. A Sunday School was reported in 1929. The first pastor, Rev. M. B. Haney, served the church 1928-33. It was then inactive until sometime in 1937. Church membership in 1929 was 15, and in 1939, 30.

Record Book; 1928-33, 1937--. 1 vol. Minutes of church conferences, membership rolls, record of members received or dismissed, record of baptisms and deaths, record of receipts and disbursements, and names of pastors with dates of tenure. In custody of church clerk, Mr. Clifford Haney, Huntdale, N. C.

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48. HALL'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1936--. Celo, Yancey County.

Hall's Chapel Baptist Church was constituted in 1936 and was received into the Yancey County Baptist Association in 1937. A Sunday School, only, had been organized at Hall's Chapel in 1929. Services were, and are now, held in a building which is also in use as a schoolhouse. The first pastor was Rev. James C. Thomas, 1936-38. A Sunday School was reported by the church in 1937. In 1937 the church had a membership of 30 persons, and in 1939, of 35.

Register, 1936--. 2 vols. Membership and financial records, and copies of yearly church letters to the association. In custody of Miss Mollie Casida, Celo, N. C.

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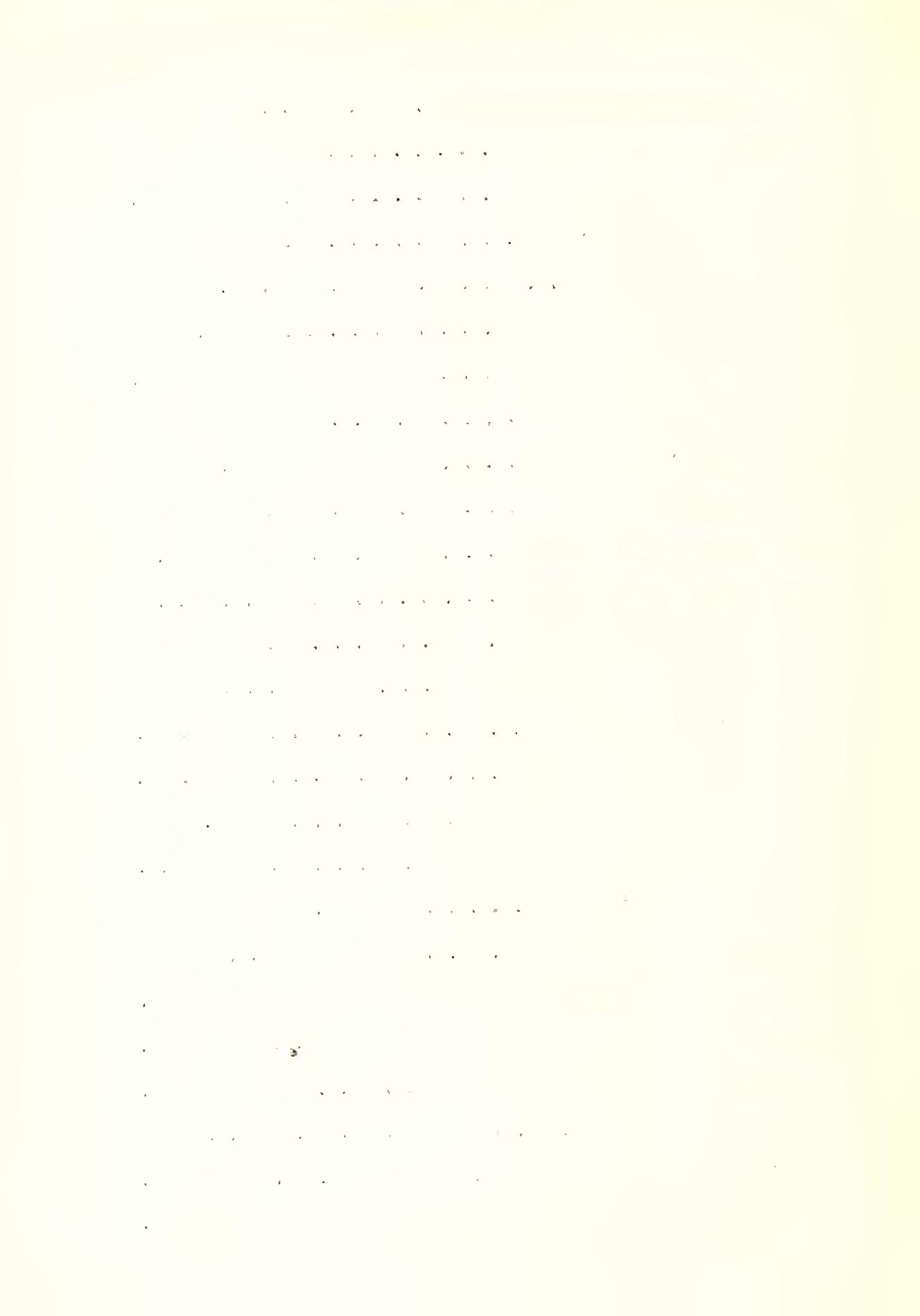


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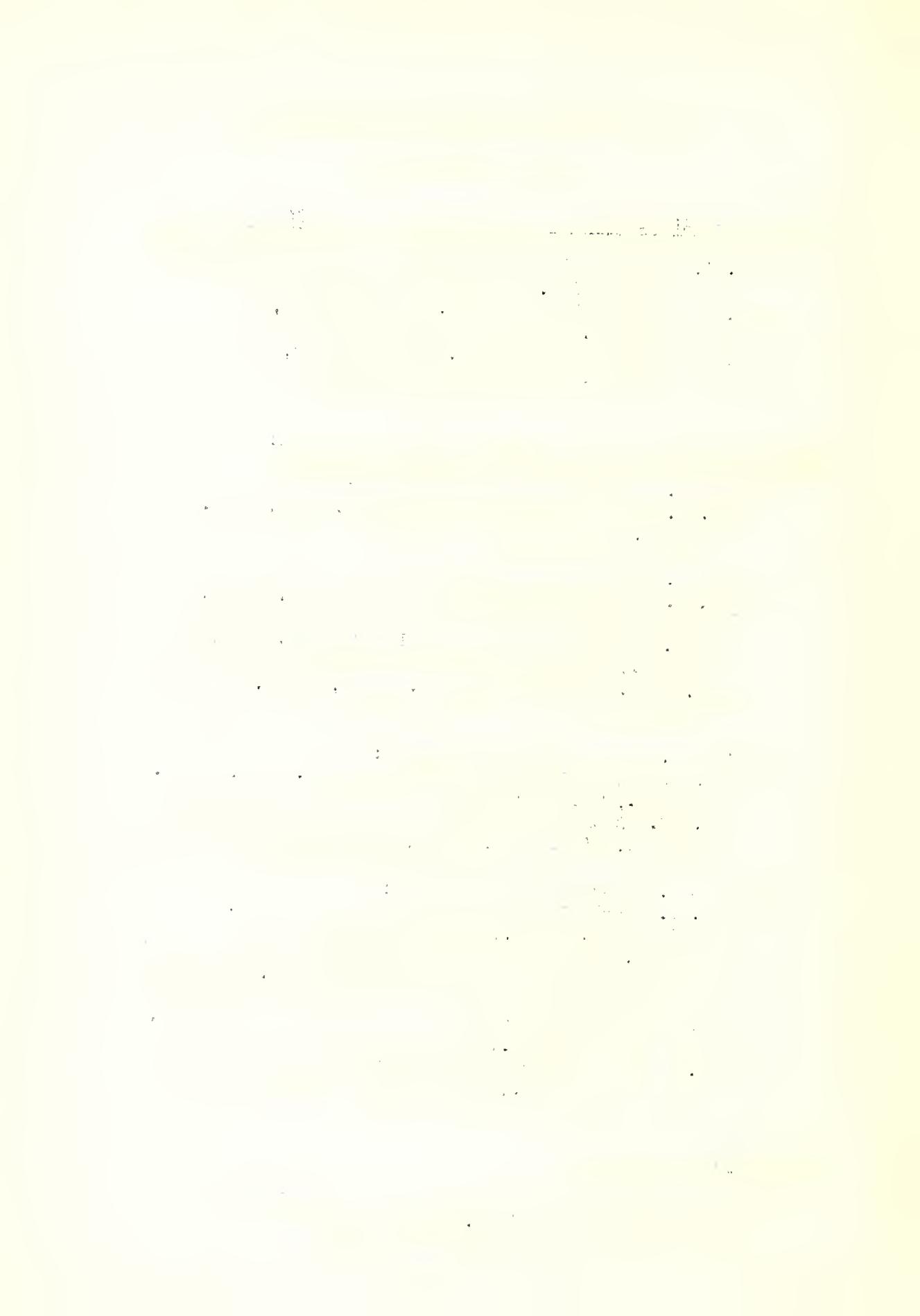
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